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16 MAR 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR: DDP/TRO

SUBJECT : Recommendation that the Soviet Bloc
Operations Course for Career Trainees
be Discontinued

REFERENCE A : Memo to DTR from C/SE Division, dated
27 Jan. '67, subject: "The Soviet Bloc
Operations Course"

REFERENCE B : Memo to ADDP from C/SE Division, dated
10 Feb. '67, subject: "The Soviet Bloc
Operations Course"

1. Reference A contains a recommendation from C/SE Division that those portions of the Operations Course which are later repeated in the Soviet Operations Course be eliminated from the Operations Course as given [REDACTED] Reference B contains the recommendation that the Soviet Operations Course be made mandatory for all officers and intelligence assistants preparing for field assignments involving work against the Soviet Bloc target.

2. On the basis of our observation of the first running of the Soviet Bloc Operations Course, 3 - 13 January 1967, we conclude that the course objectives, while they were very well covered, involved repetition of some material which had already been taught in the Operations Course and specifically involved repetition of those portions

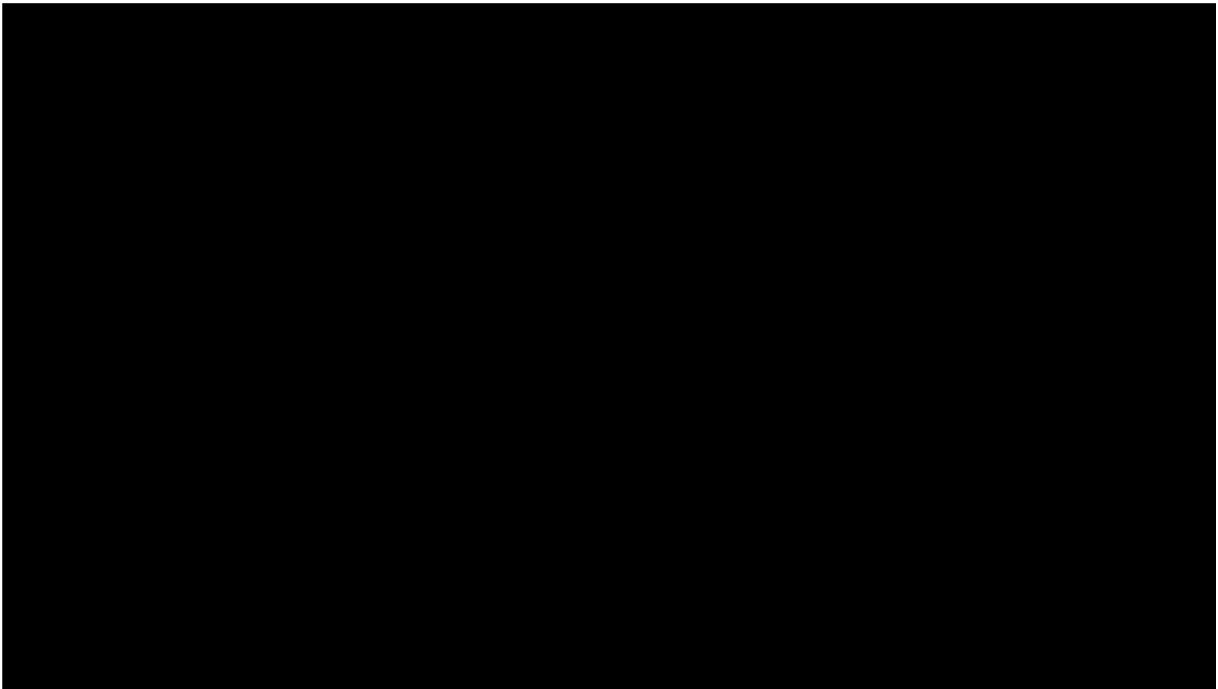
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teach this skill in a separate two-week course at the tag-end of the eighteen month CT cycle tends to ascribe an after-thought quality to that task. We suggest rather that C/SE Division review with us the material taught in the Operations Course [REDACTED] with the view to improving its effectiveness in teaching our Career Trainees to attack the Soviet target effectively. To this end, we have invited C/SE to come [REDACTED] for a personal briefing on the course content of the Operations Course.

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3. With reference to the proposal that the two-week Soviet Bloc Operations Course be made mandatory as noted in reference B, this appears to us to be a useful procedure, on the assumption that the course would be taken by officers on the verge of field assignment and who would be concentrating almost entirely on the Soviet target. Obviously, some of the people who would take the course under this definition would be Career Trainees assigned fairly recently to the Clandestine Services. However, the fact that they would have spent several months, if not a year or two, on a Headquarters desk before

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taking this specialized course and the fact that they would already have been assigned to specific SE slots overseas would make it a more productive learning situation.

/s/
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